

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Those present were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Dave Geiger, MDOT-Saginaw; Adam Rivard, MDOT-Bay City; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Nick Perfili, MDOT-Lansing; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville.

It was moved by Gaydos, seconded by Perfili, to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2007 meeting. Motion Passed.

MDOT TIP Amendments:

Since the STIP has not been adopted, any amendment must be made in both the 2006-08 TIP and the 2008-11 TIP. Geiger provided BCATS a list of MDOT projects to be amended in the TIP. These include:

Add Project in 2008: **I-75 & US-10 ITS project**: Total Cost \$715,000

Add Project in 2009: **I-75, NB & SB over N. Branch of Kawkawlin Rv.:** Total Cost \$346,594

Cost Update in 2009: **M-25 Streetscaping** Original Cost \$983,000: Updated Cost: \$1,012,592

Cost Update in 2010: **M-13: over Kawkawlin River** Original Cost \$351,000 – UPDATED

COST - \$552,008

Move to 2011 from 2010 & Update Cost: **I-75 Bridges over Squaconning Creek** – Original Cost \$1,770,000 – UPDATED COST - \$1,876,180

Update Cost in 2011: **I-75: Saginaw County Line to Dutch Creek** – Original Cost \$19,000,000 – UPDATED COST - \$25,600,000

Rivard stated that the ITS project may be delayed until 2009 still and the Transportation Enhancement grant from M-25 streetscape has not been officially awarded, but will be soon.

A motion was made by Majerczyk and supported by Gaydos to recommend to the Policy Committee to amend the 2006- 2008 TIP for the 2008 MDOT Project and amend the 2008-2011 TIP for all of the aforementioned MDOT project. Motion Passed.

Bay County Road Commission TIP Amendment - 7 Mile Rd over Bradford Drain:

The Road Commission has been awarded a Safety Grant for the Seven Mile over Bradford Creek Project. Lillo stated that the project is now being designed and will be constructed in 2008.

A motion was made by Perfili and supported by Majerczyk to recommend to the Policy Committee to amend the 2006- 2008 TIP and the 2008-2011 TIP to include the Bay County Road Commission safety project for 7 Mile Road over Bradford Drain. Motion Passed

Inflation factors in project costs for TIP and MTP - Dec 11:

Engelhardt noted at beginning Dec. 11th, if the TIP or the MTP has to be amended, it must include inflationary cost estimates on all projects. If an agency has already included an inflation rate in the estimated cost of projects in the TIP and MTP, Engelhardt would like documentation on what was used. BCATS staff will review the MTP and TIP projects for inflation factors.

Consumers Energy New Power Plant impact on transportation system:

With the future construction on a new Consumers power plant in Hampton Twp, discussion ensued on the traffic impact of the construction. Geiger made a motion and supported by

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Gaydos for a recommendation to the Policy Committee for the BCATS Director to draft a letter, with assistance from Dale Majerczyk on behalf of the county and cities to Consumers for inquiring on how to properly provide adequate infrastructure and transportation for the incoming construction workers. Terry Spiegel of Hampton Township will be contacted for coordination of the timing of this letter. Motion passed.

BCATS Soft Match:

Engelhardt stated that BCATS finalized the 2008 UWP and included in it are the soft match totals that are in excess of what was needed. Perfili will notify Engelhardt if any other reporting is needed.

Noise Abatement Sessions sponsored by MDOT:

Geiger informed the committee on possible Noise Abatement Sessions to occur around the state, likely in June 2008. However, funding for Type II noise program maybe unavailable.

Asset Management:

2007 asset management data collection is complete and has been sent on to MDOT. Bay City also complete data collection of the local roads rating data.

Christa McAuliffe Middle School for SR2S - Application Submitted:

Christa McAuliffe Middle School SR2S Application has been submitted and they are waiting on approval of the application. Rivard stated that any SR2S project that involves a state trunkline, the TSC is willing to help, but cannot take the lead on the application.

BCATS Non-Motorized Plan:

Engelhardt would like to update the current BCATS Non-Motorized Plan since MDOT is in the process of creating a regional plan and would like comments on the plan in the coming months.

Project Updates:

The ***Pine Road Project*** for reconstruction was awarded to Lee Wood and is set to begin 10/8/07 with work on the westside before the winter and the remainder will be reconstructed in the spring. The ***Seven Mile Road Project*** is in the design phase with construction occurring in 2008. The ***Woodside Avenue Project*** is under way and concrete work is holding up the paving. The ***North Henry Street Project*** was awarded to Kalin with a bid 25% below engineer's estimate at \$5,046,000. Approximately half of the project is participation cost with about \$1,000,000 extra STP programmed for the project. Discussion ensued on whether to reallocate the funds elsewhere. The possible ***Harrison St Project*** is approximately 1/3 Federal Aid Eligible and would be a \$1,200,000 job with about half of the cost to utilities. This project was initiated by Carbone of America.

Other/New Business:

Bay Region Trail Summit:

East Central Michigan Development & Planning Region is planning a trail summit for the Bay Region in Frankenmuth, possible on Nov. 1st. A Michigan trail summit is occurring on Oct. 10th in Lansing.

Traffic Counters

Engelhardt inquired if the existing traffic counters owned by the road commission and the city can be used to collect Commercial volume. Lillo and Gaydos stated that they can, but might require 2 counters which would increase the time to collect all the traffic

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counts.

Prairie Rd National Function Classification

Engelhardt brought up that Prairie Road, which is no longer planned to be re-established, is listed as a federal aid eligible road. Engelhardt would like to remove it from the list and replace it with another road that is currently not on the federal aid system. One road suggested was Bay-Arenac Dr (Skill Center Dr). Engelhardt will get map to the agencies of other possible roads to swap with Prairie Rd.

Bay City Safety Grant

Gaydos informed the committee that Bay City will be applying for a safety grant for the Walnut/Ohio/Marquette intersections. This project will not meet AASHTO standards, and will be a Context Sensitive Solution remaining in the existing road right of way with improved turning radii and the city will not have to acquire any property.

AT&T Video Feed Boxes

Gaydos stated that he had a meeting with AT&T regarding their plan to begin video/TV service in Bay City. This will involve the installing of large utility boxes in the ROW which could be visibility hazards. 36 need to put in Bay City and AT&T would like them near intersections.

As there was no further business, the October 4, 2007 BCATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

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